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***APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR APPELLATE COURT COMMISSION,
EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY BOARD
Applications Accepted Until November 28th***

PHOENIX – The Governor’s Office of Boards and Commissions is seeking applications to fill one non-attorney vacancy on the Commission on Appellate Court Appointments and one vacancy on the Executive Clemency Board.

The Commission on Appellate Court Appointments is responsible for recommending to the Governor candidates for judicial appointments to the Arizona Court of Appeals and the Arizona Supreme Court. Its membership is comprised of the Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court, five attorneys and 10 non-attorneys. Appointed members of the commission serve four-year terms and must be confirmed by the Arizona Senate. The Arizona Constitution requires non-attorney members of the commission to meet the following criteria:

- Members must have resided in Arizona for at least five years.
- Members cannot be judges, retired judges or admitted to practice before the Supreme Court.
- Members must not hold any governmental office, elected or appointed, for profit.
- Members must have been registered with the same political party, or as an Independent, for at least two continuous years immediately preceding appointment.

The Arizona Constitution also prohibits having more than two non-attorney commission members from the same county. The Commission on Appellate Court Appointments currently has two members from Cochise, Maricopa and Pinal Counties, making residents of Cochise, Maricopa and Pinal Counties ineligible for appointment to the current vacancy. Additionally, a state statute requires the commission to be politically balanced; based on the current composition of the commission, a candidate must be registered as a Democrat or as an Independent.

Arizonans interested in applying to serve on the commission may do so online at <http://azgovernor.gov/bc/Application07.asp>. Applicants may also receive an application in the mail by calling the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions at 602-542-2449 or 1-800-253-0883. Applications will be accepted until Friday, November 28, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

The Executive Clemency Board hears and rules on petitions of reprieves, commutations, paroles and pardons in the state prison system. Executive Clemency Board members are chosen by the Governor based on recommendations of a five-member nominating committee consisting of the directors of the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Corrections, and three public

members. A member of the Executive Clemency Board is a full-time state employee paid approximately \$44,000 a year.

The candidate chosen for the position will be subject to State Senate confirmation in the 2009 legislative session. Arizonans interested in applying to serve on the commission may do so online at <http://azgovernor.gov/bc/Application07.asp>. Applicants may also receive an application in the mail by calling the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions at 602-542-2449 or 1-800-253-0883. Applications will be accepted until Friday, November 28, 2008, 5:00 p.m.

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